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TO: IMMEDIATE TEHRAN.

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REFS: A. TEHRAN [redacted]

B. TEHRAN [redacted]

C. DIRECTOR [redacted]

FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM JOHN WARNER

1. RE REF A PARA 3, WE FEEL SUCH A LETTER IS MOST APPROPRIATE. WE BELIEVE YOUR SENTENCE NAMING MR. COX SHOULD BE DELETED IN LIEU OF FOLLOWING. QUOTE I FEEL IT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT YOUR PREDECESSOR, MR. ARCHIBALD COX, MADE PUBLIC REFERENCE TO AN IMPORTANT WITNESS WHICH APPARENTLY ENABLED ENTERPRISING REPORTERS TO LINK HIS REFERENCE TO THE 28 JUNE 1972 MEMORANDUM WHICH IS REFERRED TO IN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. END QUOTE. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO ADJUST THE LAST SENTENCE IN VIEW OF INFORMATION BELOW THAT YOU HAVE A FIRM APPOINTMENT WITH JAWORSKI.

2. I MET WITH JAWORSKI AND BEN-VENISTE THIS AFTERNOON AND FURNISHED THEM THE LETTER FROM COLBY TO NEDZI DATED 5 NOVEMBER 1973 WITH TEXT OF REF B MINUS FIRST PARAGRAPH. ALSO

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FURNISHED THEM MEMO TO SYMINGTON DATED 6 NOVEMBER 1973, TEXT OF WHICH IS IN REF C. I AGAIN REVIEWED BASIC FACTS WITH JAWORSKI TRYING MANFULLY TO PUT 28 JUNE 1972 MEMORANDUM IN CONTEXT AS TO TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES. JAWORSKI INDICATED HE HAD CONSIDERED VERY CAREFULLY THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING TWO STAFF MEMBERS TO INTERVIEW YOU BUT EVENTUALLY DECIDED AGAINST IT IN PART SINCE BASIC FILES WERE HERE AND THERE MIGHT BE OCCASION TO REFER TO THEM. HE APPEARED SOLICITOUS OF YOUR POSITION.

3. I INDICATED TO JAWORSKI YOU VERY MUCH WISHED TO MEET WITH HIM PRIOR TO GRAND JURY APPEARANCE. BASED ON YOUR TENTATIVE PLANNING JAWORSKI ESTABLISHED FOUR P.M. ON 26 NOVEMBER FOR A SESSION WITH HIM WITH APPEARANCE BEFORE GRAND JURY FOLLOWING DAY AT TWO P.M. JAWORSKI ESTIMATED THIS SESSION WOULD LAST NO MORE THAN TWO HOURS. I AGAIN REMINDED THEM THEY WOULD HAVE TO MAKE APPROPRIATE FORMAL REQUEST TO SECRETARY OF STATE WHICH THEY WILL PROCEED TO DO.

4. TODAY SEYMOUR HERSH CALLED AGENCY INDICATING HE UNDERSTOOD JAWORSKI WAS GOING TO RECALL YOU AND THERE ARE QUESTIONS OF MASSIVE PERJURY. I MENTIONED THIS HERSH INQUIRY TO JAWORSKI INDICATING YOUR PRESENCE HERE WOULD STIMULATE EVEN FURTHER PRESS

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SPECULATION AND THE USUAL INACCURATE MEDIA REPORTING. JAWORSKI COMMENTED THAT HERSH COULD HAVE MADE THE INQUIRY IN ANY EVENT WITHOUT ANY FACTS. IN ORDER TO COUNTERACT THIS TYPE OF PUBLICITY JAWORSKI STATED THEY WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST YOU IN MAINTAINING SECRECY ABOUT YOUR APPEARANCE HERE. WOULD SEEM HIGHLY UNLIKELY YOUR PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON AND EVENTUALLY APPEARANCE BEFORE GRAND JURY WOULD NOT BECOME KNOWN BUT ST MAY BE POSSIBLE. E2 IMPDET.

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